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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, ECON,

SUBJECT: CIS

1. IN EFFORT TO RESOLVE BOTH ITS LOCAL COST PROBLEM AND TO AFFECT PAYMENTS DUE ON INGA-SHABA LOAN, CIS WORKED OUT WITH SPINK OF FNCB PLAN WHEREBY SNEL WOULD GIVE CIS ZAIRE CHECK TO BE DEPOSITED CIS'S ACCOUNT LOCAL FNCB BRANCH; M-K WOULD THEN TRANSFER DOLLAR EQUIVALENT TO LOCAL FNCB BRANCH, WHICH IN TURN WOULD TRANSFER DOLLARS TO NEW YORK FOR PAYMENT OF SERVICES DUE -- THIS REMOVING SUSPENSION AND ALLOWING FURTHER DRAWDOWN BY CIS.

2. SNEL AGREED, BUT WHEN TIME CAME LATE FEBRUARY 22 FOR SNEL TO DELIVER ZAIRE CHECK, IT LACKED ONE SIGNATURE, THAT OF SNEL DIRECTOR NZEZA. SNEL REP INFORMED CIS/FNCB THAT NZEZA HAD BEEN TO SEE BISENGIMANA TO GET APPROVAL FOR SCENAIRO OUTLINED PARA 1, BUT THAT BISENGIMANA HAD REPLIED THAT ""PROBLEM WAS NOT SIMPLY FINANCIAL, BUT RATHER POLITICAL". SNEL THUS UNABLE TO DELIVER ZAIRES AS PROMISED.

3. CIS ALSO INFORMS US THAT BOISE HEADQUARTERS HAS INSTRUCTED THEM TO "PREPARE FOR PULL-OUT." CIS HEAD LEVIHN DEPARTED MORNING OF FEBRUARY 22 FOR THE HAGUE WHERE PHYSICAL SECURITY PERMITS THIS CONTINGENCY AND OTHER PROBLEMS TO BE DISCUSSED. ACTING CIS CHIEF MILLER ASSURED US THAT THIS CONTINGENCY PLANNING ONLY, THAT SUCH PLANNING IS TIGHTLY HELD AMONG THREE AMERICANS AT CIS AND THAT NO ACTUAL MOVES, CONFIDENTIAL

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SUCH AS DISMISSING 2000 PLUS ZAIRIAN EMPLOYEES, WILL BE

MADE WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH US. LATTER COMMITMENT WAS IN
RESPONSE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST THAT BOTH EMBASSY AND
DEPT. BE FULLY CONSULTED BEFORE SUCH DRASTIC STEP
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